

TO THOSE INTERESTED IN THE SALTONSTALL-KENNEDY (S-K)
GRANT PROGRAM

Attached is an application package for the Saltonstall-Kennedy (S-K) Grant Program. Also attached are forms to be completed and returned with the application.

The omnibus solicitation notice (68 FR 38678) provides a synopsis of the S-K Program on page 38681. The S-K Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) identifies the priority areas for funding, and contains application instructions and guidelines. Applications (one signed original and nine signed copies) must be received by any of the National Marine Fisheries Service Offices listed in the solicitation and the FFO, by close of business August 29, 2003. Applications received after that date will **not** be considered, and will be returned. Facsimile applications will **not** be accepted.

Additional information may be obtained from:

Alicia Jarboe, S-K Program Manager
Office of Constituent Services, F/CS2
National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA
1315 East West Highway
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

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Attachments

Note to Saltonstall-Kennedy Grant Applicants

All Saltonstall-Kennedy (S-K) grant applications are urged to follow closely the guidelines contained in the S-K solicitation for proposals to ensure submission of a complete application. If you would like to receive acknowledgment of receipt of your application, please complete and return the enclosed form.

In completing your application, particular attention should be given to the following items:

Indirect Cost Rate

This program limits the indirect cost rate that may be charged to 25 percent of the total direct costs or the applicant's negotiated indirect cost rate, whichever is less. Applicants with approved indirect cost rates above 25 percent of the total proposed direct costs may use the amount above the 25-percent level up to 100 percent as part of the non-Federal share.

Evaluation of Applications which include Consultants and Contracts

In addition to applying the four weighted criteria in the technical evaluation of applications listed in Section IV.B.1 of the solicitation, in reviewing applications which include consultants and contracts, the technical reviewers will make a determination regarding the involvement of the primary applicant, the proposed allocation of the primary applicant's time, and the proposed costs for the primary applicant's involvement, as outlined in Section IV.B.1.b.

Selection of Consultants/Subcontractors

Section III.D.4.h of the solicitation states that if any portion of the project will be conducted through consultants and/or subcontracts, applicants, as appropriate, must follow procurement guidance in 15 CFR Part 24, "Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments," and OMB Circular A-110 for Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and other Non-Profit Organizations. If a consultant and/or subcontractor is selected prior to application submission, include the name and qualifications of the consultant and/or subcontractor and the process used for selection. The guidance contained in these documents is summarized as follows:

When an applicant proposes to enter into a subaward/contract with a specified organization/individual for the performance of project activities, the applicant is required to describe how the

procurement will be handled. For State and local government applicants, this requirement applies to subawards/contracts that are expected to exceed \$25,000; for all other applicants (non-profit, for-profit, universities, etc.), this requirement applies to subawards/contracts that are expected to exceed \$5,000. This includes costs used to satisfy any non-Federal cost sharing or matching requirements.

In describing how the procurement will be handled, the applicant must state whether it is a competitive bid, competitive negotiation, or sole source. If it is a sole-source procurement, a sole-source justification is required with the application.

Detailed information on a proposed subaward must be provided, including the purpose, period of performance, estimated dollar amount, etc. If the subawardee has been selected at time of application, the applicant must provide with the application the subawardee's name with a breakdown of amounts for all applicable cost categories. If the subawardee has not been selected at time of application, this information will be furnished to the Federal Program Officer upon selection, but prior to award.

If the subaward is a contract for services, only the contractor's name, amount, and description of the type of services to be furnished are required.

In addition to the above, the applicant will be required to maintain a code or standard of conduct and institute a system for contract administration in order to ensure subaward conformance with terms, conditions, and requirements of the contracts.

State Single Point of Contact (Executive Order 12372)

Section V.A.5 of the solicitation indicates that the S-K Program is covered by Executive Order 12372. Any applicant submitting an application for funding is required to complete item 16 on Standard Form 424 (4-92) regarding clearance by the State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) established as a result of Executive Order 12372. Guidelines and a link to the SPOC web site are included in this package.

ALWTRT meetings included a "Northeast Inshore Lobster Trap/Pot" subgroup that met on May 19, 2003, in Portsmouth, NH; an "Offshore Trap/Pot" subgroup that met on June 17, 2003, in Gloucester, MA, and a "Southeast/Mid-Atlantic" subgroup that is expected to meet on June 23, 2003, in Philadelphia, PA. All ALWTRT meetings, including subgroup meetings, are open to the public. Recommendations and/or proposals from the full ALWTRT and subsequent subgroup meetings will be used to draft a management options document that will be distributed at scoping meetings.

Management Options

This notice provides an opportunity for public involvement in identifying the scope of the issues to be addressed in the EIS. NMFS requests comments on management options, including those provided by the ALWTRT, for this action. Additionally, NMFS is seeking information on the range of impacts that should be considered for the various options. Background documents provided to the ALWTRT and general public in advance of the April 2003 meeting are available for review (see Electronic Access). A summary of options from the ALWTRT meetings will be made available prior to the scoping meetings (see Electronic Access). Comments received on this action will assist NMFS in determining the alternatives for rulemaking to reduce interactions of right, humpback, and fin whales with commercial fisheries.

The ALWTRP (50 CFR 229.32) is a multi-faceted plan that includes area closures, gear modification requirements in areas open to fixed gear fishing, Dynamic Area Management (DAM) and SAM programs, gear research to develop new modifications to current practices and/or fishing techniques, a right whale Sighting Advisory System, and a disentanglement program to free whales incidentally caught in fishing gear. Proposals to amend the ALWTRP that were discussed by the ALWTRT included, but were not limited to, eliminating or modifying the DAM program; expanding the SAM program by increasing the areas in time and space; modifying the current gear modifications in SAM and DAM areas by allowing for two buoy lines and polypropylene line on the bottom third of the buoy line; eliminating the DAM and SAM programs and implementing a phase-in period for broad-based gear modifications, including a requirement for sinking/neutrally buoyant line in groundlines or reducing the line profile of groundlines; increased gear research

to reduce risk associated with buoy lines; consideration of regional and seasonal differences in fishing practices in the waters regulated under the ALWTRP; regulating other trap/pot fisheries (e.g. hagfish, Jonah crab, red crab, black sea bass, scup, tautog, shrimp, conch/whelk) under the ALWTRP; exempting waters both by area and depth based on lack of whale sightings in these areas, or unlikelihood that whales dive to deep depths; consideration of "special areas" where additional time is needed to phase-in sinking/neutrally buoyant line in groundlines or reducing the line profile of groundlines due to rocky bottom areas; clarifications to the ALWTRP regulatory language; revised gear marking scheme; increased gear research to reduce risk associated with buoy lines; and expanded ALWTRP outreach.

Within the comment period established by this notice (see DATES), NMFS will hold six public scoping meetings to gather public comment on the development and implementation of new management measures for the ALWTRP.

Schedule of Public Scoping Meetings

The dates, times, and locations of the meetings are scheduled as follows:

1. *Monday, July 7, 2003 - Fairhaven, MA, 6-9 p.m.*

Holiday Inn, 110 Middle Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719

2. *Wednesday, July 9, 2003 - Cape May Court House, NJ, 6-9 p.m.*

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Cape May County, 355 Court House/ South Dennis Road (Route 657), Cape May Court House, NJ

3. *Thursday, July 10, 2003 - Washington, NC, 6-9 p.m.*

North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries, Pamlico District Office, 943 Washington Square Mall, Washington, NC 27889

4. *Monday, July 14, 2003 - Portland, ME, 6-9 p.m.*

Holiday Inn - Portland by the Bay, 88 Spring Street, Portland, ME 04101

5. *Tuesday, July 15, 2003 - Ellsworth, ME, 6-9 p.m.*

Holiday Inn, 215 High Street, Ellsworth, ME 04505

6. *Thursday, July 17, 2003 - Ft. Pierce, FL, 6-9 p.m.*

Holiday Inn, Okeechobee Road, Ft. Pierce, FL 34950

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Request for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Diane Borggaard 978 - 281-9328.

Dated: June 24, 2003.

Laurie K. Allen,

Acting Director of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Availability of Grant Funds for Fiscal Year 2004

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Omnibus Notice Announcing the Availability of Grant Funds for Fiscal Year 2004.

SUMMARY: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) announces the availability of grant funds for Fiscal Year 2004. The purpose of this notice is to provide the general public with a single source of program and application information related to the Agency's competitive grant offerings, and it contains the information about those programs required to be published in the **Federal Register**. This omnibus notice is designed to replace the multiple **Federal Register** notices that traditionally advertised the availability of NOAA's discretionary funds for its various programs. It should be noted that additional program initiatives unanticipated at the time of the publication of this notice may be announced through both subsequent **Federal Register** notices and the NOAA web site: <http://www.ofa.noaa.gov/~amd/SOLINDEX.HTML>.

DATES: Proposals must be received by the date and time indicated under each program listing in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

ADDRESSES: Proposals must be submitted to the addresses listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for each program.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For a copy of the full funding opportunity

announcement and/or application kit, please contact the person listed as the information contact under each program or access it via NOAA's web site: <http://www.ofa.noaa.gov/~amd/SOLINDEX.HTML>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access

The full funding announcement for each program is available via web site: <http://www.ofa.noaa.gov/~amd/SOLINDEX.HTML> or by contacting the program official identified below. These announcements will also be available through FedGrants at <http://www.fedgrants.gov>.

Evaluation Criteria & Selection Procedures

NOAA standardized the evaluation and selection process for all of its competitive and non-competitive assistance programs. All proposals submitted in response to this notice shall be evaluated and selected in accordance with the following procedures. There are two sets of evaluation criteria and selection procedures, one for project proposals, and the other for fellowship, scholarship, and internship programs. These evaluation criteria and selection procedures apply to all of the programs included below.

Proposal Review and Selection Process for Projects

Some programs may include a pre-application process which provides an initial review and feedback to the applicants that have responded to a call for "letters of intent" or "pre-proposals;" however, not all programs will include such a process. If a pre-application process is used by a program, it shall be described in the Summary Description and the deadline shall be provided in the Application Deadline section. Once a full application has been received by NOAA, an initial administrative review is conducted to determine compliance with requirements and completeness of the application. Merit review is conducted by mail reviewers and/or peer panel reviewers. Each reviewer will individually evaluate and rank proposals using the evaluation criteria provided below. A minimum of three merit reviewers per proposal is required. The merit reviewers' ratings are used to produce a rank order of the proposals. The NOAA Program Officer may review the ranking of the proposals and make recommendations to the Selecting Official based on the mail and/or panel review(s) and selection factors listed below. The Selecting

Official selects proposals after considering the mail and/or peer panel review(s) and recommendations of the Program Officer. In making the final selections, the Selecting Official will award in rank order unless the proposal is justified to be selected out of rank order based upon one or more of the selection factors below. The Program Officer and/or Selecting Official may negotiate the funding level of the proposal. The Selecting Official makes final recommendations for award to the Grants Officer who is authorized to obligate the funds.

Evaluation Criteria for Projects

1. Importance and/or relevance and applicability of proposed project to the program goals: This ascertains whether there is intrinsic value in the proposed work and/or relevance to NOAA, federal, regional, state, or local activities.
2. Technical/scientific merit: This assesses whether the approach is technically sound and/or innovative, if the methods are appropriate, and whether there are clear project goals and objectives.
3. Overall qualifications of applicants: This ascertains whether the applicant possesses the necessary education, experience, training, facilities, and administrative resources to accomplish the project.
4. Project costs: The Budget is evaluated to determine if it is realistic and commensurate with the project needs and time-frame.
5. Outreach and education: NOAA assesses whether this project provides a focused and effective education and outreach strategy regarding NOAA's mission to protect the Nation's natural resources.

Selection Factors for Projects

The merit review ratings shall provide a rank order to the Selecting Official for final funding recommendations. A program officer may first make recommendations to the Selecting Official applying the selection factors below. The Selecting Official shall award in the rank order unless the proposal is justified to be selected out of rank order based upon one or more of the following factors:

1. Availability of funding.
2. Balance/distribution of funds:
 - a. Geographically
 - b. By type of institutions
 - c. By type of partners
 - d. By research areas
 - e. By project types
3. Whether this project duplicates other projects funded or considered for funding by NOAA or other federal agencies.

4. Program priorities and policy factors.

5. Applicant's prior award performance.

6. Partnerships and/or Participation of targeted groups.

NOAA Project Competitions

This omnibus notice describes funding opportunities for the following NOAA discretionary grant programs:

National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS)

1. Research in Satellite Data Assimilation for Numerical and Climate Prediction Models

Summary Description: The Joint Center for Satellite Data Assimilation (JCSDA) announces the availability of Federal assistance for research in the area of satellite data assimilation in numerical weather and climate prediction models. The goal of the JCSDA is to accelerate the use of observations from earth-orbiting satellites in operational numerical prediction models for the purpose of improving weather forecasts, improving seasonal to interannual climate forecasts, and increasing the physical accuracy of climate data sets. The advanced instruments of current and planned NOAA, NASA, DoD, and international agency satellite missions will provide large volumes of data on atmospheric, oceanic, and land surface conditions with accuracies and spatial resolutions never before achieved. The JCSDA will ensure that the nation realizes the maximum benefit of its investment in space as part of an advanced global observing system. Funded proposals will help accelerate the use of satellite data from both operational and experimental spacecraft in operational and product driven weather and climate prediction environments, develop community radiative transfer models, develop improved surface emissivity models, and advance data assimilation science. This Federal Funding Opportunity is being managed by NOAA on behalf of the JCSDA. Applicants are encouraged to submit a letter of Intent (LOI) describing the proposed work, and its relevance to project areas. The purpose of the LOI process is to provide information to potential applicants on the relevance of their proposed project to JCSDA and the likelihood of it being funded in advance of preparing a full proposal.

Funding Availability: Total funding available is anticipated to be approximately \$1 million. Individual annual awards in the form of grants or

cooperative agreements are expected to range from \$50,000 to \$150,000, although greater amounts may be awarded.

Statutory Authority: Statutory authority for this program is provided under 49 U.S.C. 44720(b); 33 U.S.C. 833d; 15 U.S.C. 5631, 15 U.S.C. 2904.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 11.440, Environmental Sciences, Applications, Data, and Education.

Preapplication/Application Deadline: If an applicant opts to submit a Letter of Intent, the Letter of Intent must be received by the National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS), no later than 5:00 p.m., local time on August 1, 2003, and full proposals must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., local time on October 1, 2003.

Address for Submitting Letters of Intent and Proposals: Joint Center for Satellite Data Assimilation, 5200 Auth Road, Room 701, Camp Springs, MD 20746-4304.

Information Contact(s): Fuzhong Weng, JCSDA, 5200 Auth Road, Room 810; Camp Springs, Maryland 20746, or by phone at 301-763-8251, or fax to 301-763-8580, or via internet at Fuzhong.Weng@noaa.gov or Christine.L.Brown, NOAA/NESDIS; 5200 Auth Road, Room 701; Camp Springs, Maryland 20746, or by phone at 301-763-8127 ext. 107, or fax to 301-763-8108, or via internet at Christine.L.Brown@noaa.gov.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are Federal agencies, institutions of higher education, other non-profits, commercial organizations, state, local and Indian tribal governments.

Cost Sharing Requirements: None.

Intergovernmental Review:

Applications under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

2. Research in Satellite Oceanography

Summary Description: The NESDIS Office of Research and Applications (ORA) announces the availability of Federal assistance in the area of satellite oceanography. This program responds to a need for research and activities that expand the use of satellite oceanographic data. Funded proposals will help build capabilities nationwide in the application of satellite oceanographic data for environmental monitoring, prediction and coastal management.

Funding Availability: The total amount available is currently expected to be approximately \$375,000. It is anticipated that 3 or 4 awards will be made from this budget. This program

announcement is for projects to be conducted for a 1-year, or 2-year period. Individual awards are expected to range from a minimum of \$50,000 to a maximum of \$125,000 per year for no more than two years.

Statutory Authority: Statutory authority for this program is provided under 33 U.S.C. 1442 and 49 U.S.C. 44720(b).

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 11.440, Environmental Sciences, Applications, Data, and Education.

Application Deadline: 4:00 p.m., EDT, on August 23, 2003.

Address for Submitting Proposals: Proposals must be submitted to the Office of Research and Applications, NOAA/NESDIS, 5200 Auth Road, Room 701, Camp Springs, MD 20746-4304. Proposals should be sent to the attention of William Pichel.

Information Contacts: Administrative questions: Christine Brown, telephone (301) 763-8127 ext. 107, fax: 301-763-8108, or e-mail:

Christine.L.Brown@noaa.gov. Technical questions: William Pichel, telephone: (301) 763-8231 ext. 166, fax: 301-763-8020, e-mail: William.G.Pichel@noaa.gov.

Eligibility: Institutions of higher education, other non-profits, commercial organizations, and state, local and Indian tribal governments.

Cost Sharing Requirements: None

Intergovernmental Review:

Applications under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)

1. Community-based Habitat Restoration National and Regional Partnerships

Summary Description: NMFS is inviting the public to submit multi-year proposals for establishing innovative habitat restoration partnerships at the national or regional level for up to 3 years to further community-based habitat restoration that will benefit living marine resources, including anadromous fish, under the NOAA Community-based Restoration Program (CRP). Proposals for partnerships funded through the CRP will involve joint selection and co-funding of multiple community-based habitat restoration projects as sub-awards made through the partner organization. Proposals selected for funding through this solicitation will be implemented through either a cooperative agreement or interagency transfer.

Funding Availability: Funding of up to \$7,000,000 is expected to be available

for establishing multi-year partnerships in FY 2004; annual funding is anticipated to maintain successful partnerships for up to 3 years duration. The NOAA Restoration Center (RC) anticipates that typical partnership awards will range from \$200,000 to \$600,000 per year, funded annually.

Statutory Authority: The Secretary of Commerce is authorized under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, 16 U.S.C. 661, as amended by the Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1970, to provide grants or cooperative agreements for fisheries habitat restoration.

CFDA: 11.463 Habitat Conservation.

Application Deadline: Applications for partnership funding under the CRP must be received by or postmarked by December 5, 2003.

Address for submitting Proposals: Send applications to Christopher D. Doley, Director, NOAA Restoration Center, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East West Highway (F/HC3), Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282; ATTN: CRP Partnership Applications.

Information Contact(s): Robin Bruckner, Alison Ward or Melanie Severin at (301) 713-0174, or by fax at (301) 713-0184, or by e-mail at Robin.Bruckner@noaa.gov, Alison.Ward@noaa.gov or Melanie.Severin@noaa.gov.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are institutions of higher education, hospitals, other non-profits, commercial (for profit) organizations, organizations under the jurisdiction of foreign governments, international organizations, state, local and Indian tribal governments. Applications from federal agencies will be considered. Before non-NOAA federal applicants may be funded, they must demonstrate that they have legal authority to receive funds from another federal agency in excess of their appropriation.

Cost Sharing Requirements: 1:1 non-Federal match is encouraged, but applicants with less than 1:1 match will not be disqualified.

Intergovernmental Review:

Applications under this program are subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

2. Community-based Habitat Restoration Projects

Summary Description: NMFS is inviting the public to submit proposals for available funding to implement grass-roots habitat restoration projects that will benefit living marine resources, including anadromous fish, under the NOAA Community-based Restoration Program (CRP). Projects funded through

the CRP will be expected to have strong on-the-ground habitat restoration components that provide educational and social benefits for people and their communities in addition to long-term ecological habitat improvements for NOAA trust resources. Proposals selected for funding through this solicitation will be implemented through either a project grant, cooperative agreement, or interagency transfer.

Funding Availability: Funding of up to \$3,000,000 is expected to be available for community-based habitat restoration projects in FY 2004. The NOAA Restoration Center (RC) anticipates that typical project awards will range from \$50,000 to \$200,000.

Statutory Authority: The Secretary of Commerce is authorized under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, 16 U.S.C. 661, as amended by the Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1970, to provide grants or cooperative agreements for fisheries habitat restoration.

CFDA: 11.463 Habitat Conservation.

Application Deadline: Applications for project funding under the CRP must be received by or postmarked by September 12, 2003.

Address for submitting Proposals: Send applications to Christopher D. Doley, Director, NOAA Restoration Center, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East West Highway (F/HC3), Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282; ATTN: CRP Project Applications.

Information Contact(s): Robin Bruckner, Alison Ward or Melanie Severin at (301) 713-0174, or by fax at (301) 713-0184, or by e-mail at Robin.Bruckner@noaa.gov, Alison.Ward@noaa.gov or Melanie.Severin@noaa.gov.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are institutions of higher education, hospitals, other non-profits, commercial (for profit) organizations, organizations under the jurisdiction of foreign governments, international organizations, state, local and Indian tribal governments. Applications from federal agencies will be considered. Before non-NOAA federal applicants may be funded, they must demonstrate that they have legal authority to receive funds from another federal agency in excess of their appropriation.

Cost Sharing Requirements: 1:1 non-Federal match is encouraged, but applicants with less than 1:1 match will not be disqualified.

Intergovernmental Review: Applications under this program are subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

3. Fisheries Development and Utilization Research and Development Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program (also known as the Saltonstall-Kennedy (S-K) Grant Program)

Summary Description: The Saltonstall-Kennedy Act established a fund to provide grants or cooperative agreements for fisheries research and development projects addressed to any aspect of U.S. fisheries, including, but not limited to, harvesting, processing, aquaculture, marketing, and associated infrastructures. The Saltonstall-Kennedy Grant Program supports projects aimed at helping fishing communities to prevent overfishing, rebuild fisheries and ensure conservation, while realizing the full potential of fishery resources.

Funding Availability: Funding is subject to the availability of an allocation. The Program does not yet have funding for FY 2004, although it estimates that approximately \$4 million will be available. The Program does not specify a minimum or maximum dollar amount for individual awards.

Statutory Authority: 15 U.S.C. 713c-(3)(1).

CFDA: 11.427, Fisheries Development and Utilization Research and Development Grants and Cooperative Agreements.

Application Deadline: Applications must be received by local close of business at one of the addresses listed below on August 29, 2003.

Address for Submitting Proposals: You must submit applications to one of the following NMFS Regional Administrator or Headquarters offices: Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930; (978) 281-9267.

Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive, North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432, (727) 570-5324.

Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213, (562) 980-4033.

Pacific Islands Region, NMFS, 1601 Kapiolani Boulevard, Suite 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814-4700, (808) 973-2937.

Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way, N.E., BIN C15700, Building 1, Seattle, WA 98115, (206) 526-6115.

Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802 or Federal Building, 709 West 9th Street, 4th Floor, Juneau, AK 99801-1668, (907) 586-7224.

Financial Services Division, NMFS F/CS2, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, (301) 713-2358.

Information Contact(s): Alicia L. Jarboe, S-K Program Manager, F/CS2,

Room 13112, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282, tel. (301) 713-2358, or by email at: alicia.jarboe@noaa.gov. You may also contact the NMFS Regional Federal Program Officers, at the addresses and telephone numbers listed above.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants must be; (1) a citizen or national of the United States; (2) a citizen of the Northern Mariana Islands (NMI), being an individual who qualifies as such under section 8 of the Schedule on Transitional Matters attached to the constitution of the NMI; (3) a citizen of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Republic of Palau, or the Federated States of Micronesia; or (4) represent an entity that is an institution of higher education, other nonprofit, commercial organization, state, local or Indian tribal government, if such entity is a citizen of the United States or NMI, within the meaning of section 2 of the Shipping Act, 1916, as amended.

Cost Sharing Requirements:

Applicants must provide a minimum cost share of 10 percent of total (Federal and non-Federal combined) project costs, but the cost share must not exceed 50 percent of total costs.

Intergovernmental Review:

Applications under this program are subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

4. Cooperative Research Program, Research and Development Projects in the Gulf of Mexico and off the U.S. South Atlantic Coastal States

Summary Description: NMFS announces the availability of Federal assistance under the Cooperative Research Program (CRP) Grant Program. We provide financial assistance for research and development projects that optimize the use of fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico and along the Atlantic coast involving the U.S. fishing industry (commercial and recreational), including fishery biology, resource assessment, socio-economic assessments, management and conservation, selected harvest methods, and fish handling and processing.

Funding Availability: Approximately \$2 million may be available through this announcement for fiscal year 2004.

Statutory Authority: The authorizing statute for the Cooperative Research Program is 15 U.S.C. 713c-3(d).

CFDA: 11.454, Unallied Management Projects.

Application Deadline: We must receive your application by close of business (5:00 p.m. EDT) on August 14, 2003. Applications received after that time will not be considered for funding.

The earliest start date of awards is about 300 days after the date of publication of this notice.

Address for submitting Proposals: You can obtain an application package from, and send your completed application(s) to: National Marine Fisheries Service, State/Federal Liaison Office, 9721 Executive Center Drive, N., St. Petersburg, FL 33702. You may also obtain the application package from the CRP homepage at: <http://caldera.sero.nmfs.gov/grants/programs/crp.htm>

Information Contact(s): Ellie Francisco Roche, Chief, State/Federal Liaison Office, (727)570-5324.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants include institutions of higher education, other nonprofits, commercial organizations, state governments, and private citizens. Federal agencies or institutions are not eligible. Foreign governments, organizations under the jurisdiction of foreign governments, and international organizations are excluded for purposes of this solicitation since the objective of the CRP is to optimize research and development benefits from U.S. marine fishery resources.

Cost Sharing Requirements: Cost-sharing is not required for the CRP.

Intergovernmental Review: Applications under this program are subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

5. General Coral Reef Conservation

Summary Description: Funding will support efforts by educational and non-governmental institutions to conserve the coral reef ecosystems of the United States and the Freely Associated States in the Pacific (Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia). The objective of this program is to support programs and projects to help preserve, sustain and restore the condition of coral reef ecosystems, promote the wise management and sustainable use of coral reef resources, and increase public knowledge and awareness of coral reef ecosystems and issues regarding their conservation. NMFS will accept preapplications for peer review. Applications for research activities will not be eligible under this category. This program is part of the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000 which provides matching grants of financial assistance for coral reef conservation projects. Selected applicants may be asked to revise award objectives, work plans or budgets prior to submittal of a final application, including required Federal financial assistance forms, to NMFS.

Funding Availability: NMFS will provide approximately \$400,000 in funding in FY 2004 for awards. It is expected that most awards will range from a minimum of \$15,000 to a maximum of \$50,000. Funding will be subject to the availability of federal appropriations.

Statutory Authority: 16 U.S.C. 6403.

CFDA: 11.463 Habitat Conservation.

Preapplication/Application Deadline: Preapplications are due to NOAA before midnight, EDT, on March 12, 2004. Final applications are due to NOAA before midnight, EDT on June 4, 2004.

Address for submitting Proposals: David Kennedy, NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program, Office of Response and Restoration, N/ORR, Room 10102, NOAA National Ocean Service, 1305 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910

Information Contact(s): Andy Bruckner, Office of Habitat Conservation, F/HC1, Room 14717, NOAA Fisheries, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, phone 301-713-3459 extension 190, e-mail at andy.bruckner@noaa.gov.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants include institutions of higher education, non-profit organizations, commercial organizations, and local and Indian tribal governments. U.S. State, Territory, and Commonwealth and Freely Associated State Government Agencies are not eligible under this program. Federal agencies are eligible under this program; however, such applications will be a low priority unless they are an essential part of a cooperative project with other eligible educational or non-governmental institutions.

Cost Sharing Requirements: Any coral conservation project funded under this program requires a 1:1 match. Matching funds must be from non-Federal sources and can include in-kind contributions and other non-cash support. The NOAA Administrator may waive all or part of the matching requirement if the Administrator determines that the project meets the following two requirements: (1) No reasonable means are available through which an applicant can meet the matching requirement, and (2) The probable benefit of such project outweighs the public interest in such matching requirement.

Intergovernmental Review: Applications under this program are subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

6. Projects to Improve or Amend Coral Reef Fishery Management Plans

Summary Description: The object of this program is support value-added studies or projects that will enhance the conservation of coral reef fishery resources by the Regional Fishery Management Councils with responsibilities for Fishery Management Plans that include coral reefs or fishery resources that depend on these reef ecosystems. It is not intended to support normal Council activities or responsibilities. While first priority will be given to proposals for coral reef activities in the Council's jurisdiction, proposals for complementary activities of high conservation value within state waters that are fully coordinated with appropriate state, territory or commonwealth management authorities will also be accepted. This program is part of the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000 which provides matching grants of financial assistance for coral reef conservation projects. NMFS will accept preapplications for peer review. Selected applicants may be asked to revise award objectives, work plans or budgets prior to submittal of a final application, including required Federal financial assistance forms, to NMFS.

Funding Availability: NMFS will provide approximately \$1,050,000 in funding in FY 2004. In order to ensure regional balance, a maximum of \$525,000 will be available for activities in the Western Pacific, and a maximum of \$525,000 will be available for activities in the South Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean. Funding will be subject to the availability of federal appropriations.

Statutory Authority: 16 U.S.C. 6403.

CFDA: 11.441 Regional Fishery Management Councils.

Preapplication/Application Deadline: Preapplications are due to NOAA before midnight, EST, on March 12, 2004. Final applications are due to NOAA before midnight, EDT on June 4, 2004.

Address for submitting Proposals: David Kennedy, NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program, Office of Response and Restoration, N/ORR, Room 10102, NOAA National Ocean Service, 1305 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Information Contact(s): Andy Bruckner, Office of Habitat Conservation, F/HC1, Room 14717, NOAA Fisheries, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, phone 301-713-3459 extension 190, e-mail at andy.bruckner@noaa.gov.

Eligibility: Applicants are limited to the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council, South Atlantic

Fishery Management Council, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, and Caribbean Fishery Management Council.

Cost Sharing Requirements: none.

Intergovernmental Review:

Applications under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

National Ocean Service (NOS)

1. FY 04 Career Program Announcement of Funding Opportunity for Undergraduate, Graduate, and Recently Graduated Students Concerning Career Development in Coastal Ocean Science, Management, and Policy.

Summary Description: NOS/NCCOS/CSCOR/COP is soliciting 1-year and 2-year proposals for career development programs commencing in late Fiscal Year (FY) 2004 with an anticipated start date of July 1, 2004. The purpose of these awards will be to support activities designed to facilitate and/or enhance the development of qualified professionals in the fields of coastal ocean science, management, and policy. The coastal ocean is inclusive of the near shore ocean, estuaries, and the Great Lakes. This notice solicits applications for proposals from eligible non-Federal applicants. Proposals selected for funding from non-Federal researchers will be funded through a project grant. Proposals from academic institutions, particularly those that are Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs), collaborate with MSIs, or serve minority students, are strongly encouraged.

Statutory Authority: 15 U.S.C. 1540.

CFDA NUMBER: 11.478, Center for Sponsored Coastal Ocean Research/Coastal Ocean Program (CSCOR/COP).

Application Deadline: The deadline for receipt of proposals at the NCCOS/CSCOR/COP office is 3:00 p.m., local time, January 14, 2004. (Note that late-arriving applications provided to a delivery service on or before January 14, 2004, with delivery guaranteed before 3:00 p.m., local time, on January 14, 2004, will be accepted for review if the applicant can document that the application was provided to the delivery service with delivery to the address listed below guaranteed by the specified closing date and time and, in any event, the proposals are received in the NCCOS/CSCOR/COP office by 3:00 p.m. local time, no later than two business days following the closing date.) Subject to the availability of funds and facilities, it is anticipated that final decisions on awards will be made by early March, 2004.

Addresses for submitting proposals: Center for Sponsored Coastal Ocean Research/Coastal Ocean Program (N/SCI2), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1305 East-West Highway, SSMC4, 8th Floor Station 8243, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282, attn. CAREER 04.

Information Contacts(s): Technical Information. John Wickham, Susan Banahan, CAREER 2004 Program Manager, NCCOS/CSCOR/COP, 301-713-3338/ext 156 (148), Internet: John.Wickham@noaa.gov; Susan.Banahan@noaa.gov.

Business Management Information. Leslie McDonald, NCCOS/CSCOR/COP Grants Administrator, 301-713-3338/ext 155, internet: Leslie.McDonald@noaa.gov.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are institutions of higher education, other non-profits, state, local, Indian Tribal Governments, and Federal agencies that possess the statutory authority to receive financial assistance. (a) Researchers must be employees of an eligible institution listed above; and proposals must be submitted through that institution. Non-Federal researchers should comply with their institutional requirements for proposal submission. (b) Non-NOAA Federal applicants will be required to submit certifications or documentation showing that they have specific legal authority to receive funds from the Department of Commerce (DOC) for this research. (c) NCCOS/CSCOR/COP will accept proposals that include foreign researchers as collaborators with a researcher, who has met the above stated eligibility requirements; and who also is an employee of an eligible institution listed above. (d) Non-Federal researchers affiliated with NOAA-University Joint Institutes should comply with joint institutional requirements; they will be funded through grants either to their institutions or to joint institutes.

Cost Sharing Requirements: None.

Intergovernmental Review:

Applications under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

2. State and Territory Coral Reef Management

Summary Description: This program is soliciting proposals to support comprehensive projects for the conservation and management of coral reefs and associated fisheries in the jurisdictions of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Florida, Hawaii, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and American Samoa. This program is part of the Coral Reef

Conservation Act of 2000 which provides matching grants of financial assistance for coral reef conservation projects. Funding will also support jurisdictional participation in national coral reef planning activities, such as U.S. Coral Reef Task Force meetings. NOS will accept preapplications for peer review. Selected applicants may be asked to revise award objectives, work plans or budgets prior to submittal of a final application, including required Federal financial assistance forms, to NOS.

Funding Availability: Approximately \$2,100,000 will be available in FY 2004 to support awards under this program. Each eligible jurisdiction can apply for a maximum of \$400,000. Funding is subject to the availability of federal appropriations.

Statutory Authority: 16 U.S.C. 6403.

CFDA: 11.419, Coastal Zone Management Program.

Preapplication/Application Deadline: Preapplications are due to NOAA before midnight, EST, on March 12, 2004. Final applications are due to NOAA before midnight, EDT on June 4, 2004.

Address for submitting Proposals: David Kennedy, NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program, Office of Response and Restoration, N/ORR, Room 10102, NOAA National Ocean Service, 1305 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Information Contact(s): Bill Millhouser, 1305 East West Highway, 11th Floor, N/ORM3, Silver Spring, MD 20910, phone 301-713-3155 extension 189, e-mail at bill.millhouser@noaa.gov.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are the governor-appointed point of contact agencies for coral reef activities in each of the jurisdictions of American Samoa, Florida, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands.

Cost Sharing Requirements: Any coral conservation project funded under this program requires a 1:1 match. Matching funds must be from non-Federal sources and can include in-kind contributions and other non-cash support. The NOAA Administrator may waive all or part of the matching requirement if the Administrator determines that the project meets the following two requirements: (1) No reasonable means are available through which an applicant can meet the matching requirement, and (2) The probable benefit of such project outweighs the public interest in such matching requirement. The Program shall waive any requirement for local matching funds for any project under \$200,000 (including in-kind contribution) to the

governments of Insular Areas, defined as the jurisdictions of the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Intergovernmental Review:

Applications under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

3. State and Territory Coral Reef Ecosystem Monitoring

Summary Description: National Ocean Service, National Centers for Coastal and Ocean Science (NCCOS) funds support a nationally coordinated, comprehensive, long term monitoring program to assess the condition of U.S. coral reef ecosystems and evaluate the efficacy of coral reef ecosystem management. This program is part of the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000 which provides matching grants of financial assistance for coral reef conservation projects. NOS will accept preapplications for peer review. Selected applicants may be asked to revise award objectives, work plans or budgets prior to submittal of a final application, including required Federal financial assistance forms, to NOS.

Funding Availability: NCCOS will provide approximately \$840,000 in funding for FY 04 to support coral reef monitoring activities under this program. FY 2004 awards to Puerto Rico, Florida, U.S. Virgin Islands, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands are expected to range from \$50,000 to \$250,000. FY 2004 awards to the Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands are expected to range from \$10,000 to \$20,000 per year. Funding will be subject to the availability of federal appropriations.

Statutory Authority: 16 U.S.C. 6403. **CFDA:** 11.426, Financial Assistance for National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science.

Preapplication/Application Deadline: Preapplications are due to NOAA before midnight, EDT, on March 12, 2004. Final applications are due to NOAA before midnight, EDT on June 4, 2004.

Address for submitting Proposals: David Kennedy, NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program, Office of Response and Restoration, N/ORR, Room 10102, NOAA National Ocean Service, 1305 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Information Contact(s): John Christensen, 1305 East West Highway, 9th Floor, N/SCI1, Silver Spring, MD 20910, phone 301-713-3028

extension153, e-mail at

john.christensen@noaa.gov.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are limited to the natural resource management agency in each U.S. State, Territory, or Freely Associated State, with jurisdiction over coral reefs, as designated by the respective governors or other applicable senior jurisdictional official. NOAA is requesting proposals from Puerto Rico, Florida, U.S. Virgin Islands, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau, and Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Cost Sharing Requirements: Any coral conservation project funded under this program requires a 1:1 match. Matching funds must be from non-Federal sources and can include in-kind contributions and other non-cash support. The NOAA Administrator may waive all or part of the matching requirement if the Administrator determines that the project meets the following two requirements: (1) No reasonable means are available through which an applicant can meet the matching requirement, and (2) The probable benefit of such project outweighs the public interest in such matching requirement. The Program shall waive any requirement for local matching funds for any project under \$200,000 (including in-kind contribution) to the governments of Insular Areas, defined as the jurisdictions of the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Intergovernmental Review:

Applications under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

4. International Coral Reef Conservation

Summary Description: This program supports four project categories; promoting of watershed management in the Wider Caribbean small island communities excluding the Mesoamerican coral reef corridor, enhancing management effectiveness of Marine Protected Areas, encouraging regional approaches to further no-take marine reserves in the Wider Caribbean and Southeast Asia, and promoting socio-economic monitoring in coral reef management. This program is part of the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000 which provides matching grants of financial assistance for coral reef conservation projects. NOS will accept preapplications for peer review. Selected applicants may be asked to revise award objectives, work plans or budgets prior to submittal of a final

application, including required Federal financial assistance forms, to NOS.

Funding Availability: Approximately \$400,000 will be available in FY 2004 to support grants and cooperative agreements under this program. Approximately \$75,000-\$100,000 will be allocated to each of the four project categories listed below, with the following award ranges: a. Watershed Management: up to \$75,000, b. Management Effectiveness: (1) single site projects: \$20,000-\$40,000, (2) Regional capacity building projects: \$100,000 c. Marine Reserves: \$25,000-\$40,000, d. Socio-economic monitoring: \$15,000-\$25,000. Funding will be subject to the availability of federal appropriations.

Statutory Authority: 16 U.S.C. 6403.

CFDA: 11.463 Habitat Conservation.

Preapplication/Application Deadline: Preapplications are due to NOAA before midnight, EDT, on March 12, 2004. Final applications are due to NOAA before midnight, EDT on June 4, 2004.

Address for submitting Proposals: David Kennedy, NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program, Office of Response and Restoration, N/ORR, Room 10102, NOAA National Ocean Service, 1305 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Information Contact(s): Arthur Paterson, 1315 East West Highway, 5th Floor, Room 5627, Silver Spring, MD 20910, phone 301-713-3078 extension 217, e-mail at Arthur.E.Paterson@noaa.gov.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants include all international, governmental, and non-governmental organizations, including the Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Eligibility is also contingent upon whether activities undertaken with respect the application would be consistent with applicable conditions or restrictions imposed by the U.S. government.

Cost Sharing Requirements: Any coral conservation project funded under this program requires a 1:1 match. Matching funds must be from non-Federal sources and can include in-kind contributions and other non-cash support. The NOAA Administrator may waive all or part of the matching requirement if the Administrator determines that the project meets the following two requirements: (1) No reasonable means are available through which an applicant can meet the matching requirement, and (2) The probable benefit of such project outweighs the public interest in such matching requirement. The Program shall waive any requirement for local matching

funds for any project under \$200,000 (including in-kind contribution) to the governments of Insular Areas, defined as the jurisdictions of the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Intergovernmental Review:

Applications under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

5. FY2004 Coastal Services Center Broad Area Announcement

Summary Description: NOS is soliciting projects for the Coastal Services Center (CSC) Director's Office (DO) program, with an anticipated start date of May 1, 2004. The DO program is seeking proposals for grant projects that enhance the organization, implementation, and application of regional coastal ocean observing systems. Coastal observing systems are meant to include the sensors, personnel, and data management that obtain, process and apply regular and sustained in-situ and/or remote observations of the physical, chemical, and biological environment of Great Lakes, estuaries, and the near shore ocean of the United States. Of particular interest is the utility of such systems for management of coastal and ocean resources and for the benefit of coastal communities. Two types of projects to benefit the development of regional coastal ocean observing systems are requested: (1) projects that facilitate building partnerships and regional organizational structures for Regional Observing System Coordination, and (2) projects that will support implementation of Regional Coastal Ocean Observation Pilot Projects.

Funding Availability: Estimated available funding for both types of projects is expected to be between \$1,000,000 to \$15,000,000 depending on congressional appropriation. For the Regional Observation System Coordination, funding is expected to be between \$200,000 to \$500,000 with two to five grants being awarded ranging from \$20,000 to \$100,000. For the Regional Coastal Ocean Observation Pilot Projects, funding is expected to be between \$500,000 to \$14,000,000 with two to ten grants being awarded ranging from \$100,000 to \$3,000,000. Applications must clearly state which type of project is targeted.

Statutory Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1456c and 33 U.S.C. 1442.

CFDA: 11.473, Coastal Services Center.

Application Deadline: Applicants applying for federal assistance under the DO program, must submit their

applications by 5:00 p.m. EST, October 31, 2003.

Address for submitting Proposals: Coastal Services Center, 2234 South Hobson Avenue, Charleston, South Carolina 29405-2413 to the attention of Geno Olmi, room 234A.

Information Contact(s): For administrative questions, contact Violet Legette, NOAA CSC; 2234 South Hobson Avenue, Room 218; Charleston, South Carolina 29405-2413, or by phone at 843-740-1222, or by fax 843-740-1232, or via internet at Violet.Legette@noaa.gov. For technical questions, contact Geno Olmi, NOAA CSC; 2234 South Hobson Avenue, Room 234A, Charleston, South Carolina 29405-2413, or by phone at 843-740-1230, or by fax 843-740-1297, or via internet at Geno.Olmi@noaa.gov.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are institutions of higher education, non-profit and for-profit organizations, foreign governments, organizations under the jurisdiction of foreign governments, international organizations, and state, local and Indian tribal governments. Federal agencies or institutions are not eligible to receive Federal assistance under this announcement, but may be project partners.

Cost Sharing Requirements: None.

Intergovernmental Review:

Applications under this program are subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

6. FY2004 Coastal Services Center Broad Area Announcement

Summary Description: NOS is soliciting projects for the Coastal Services Center (CSC) Geographic Information System (GIS) Integration and Development (I&D) program, with an anticipated start date of March 1, 2004. THE GIS I&D program seeks proposals for a one to two year cooperative agreements under which cooperators and the Center will jointly develop technical projects related to the goal of the GIS I&D program, which is to provide relevant, easily accessible spatial data, tools, and support services to the coastal resource management community. A priority of the GIS I&D program is to fund a state and local level coastal resource management organizations proposing geospatial solutions to issues related to coastal hazards, smart growth, marine protected areas, permitting systems, data access and distribution, or Internet mapping.

Funding Availability: Funding is estimated to be \$200,000. Typically the GIS I&D program funds two to three

projects with awards ranging from about \$50,000 to \$100,000.

Statutory Authority: 33 U.S.C. 883a; 33 U.S.C. 883c; and 16 U.S.C. 1456c.

CFDA: 11.473, Coastal Services Center.

Application Deadline: Applicants applying for federal assistance under the GIS I&D program, must submit their applications by 5:00 p.m. EDT, October 6, 2003.

Address for submitting Proposals: Coastal Services Center, 2234 South Hobson Avenue, Charleston, South Carolina 29405-2413 to the attention of James Lewis Free, room 213.

Information Contact(s): For administrative questions, contact Violet Legette, NOAA CSC; 2234 South Hobson Avenue, Room 218; Charleston, South Carolina 29405-2413, or by phone at 843-740-1222, or by fax 843-740-1232, or via internet at Violet.Legette@noaa.gov. For technical questions, contact Hamilton Smillie, NOAA CSC; 2234 South Hobson Avenue, Room 153; Charleston, South Carolina 29405-2413, or by phone at 843-740-1192, or by fax 843-740-1315, or via internet at Hamilton.Smillie@noaa.gov.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are institutions of higher education, hospitals, other non-profits, commercial organizations, foreign government, organizations under the jurisdiction of foreign governments, international organizations, and state, local and Indian tribal governments. Federal agencies or institutions are not eligible to receive Federal assistance under this announcement, but may be project partners.

Cost Sharing Requirements: None.

Intergovernmental Review:

Applications under this program are subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

7. FY2004 Coastal Services Center Broad Area Announcement

Summary Description: NOS is soliciting projects for the Coastal Services Center (CSC) Information Resources (IR) program with an anticipated start date of March 1, 2004. The IR program is seeking proposals for a one year grant to make coastal data, products, and publications of importance to U.S. coastal resource managers available on-line using standard documentation formats and information retrieval protocols. Allowable documentation formats are the Federal Geographic Data Committee's (FGDC) content standard for geospatial data, commonly referred to as the FGDC metadata standard, and

the Machine Readable Cataloging (MARC) 21 format.

Funding Availability: Funding is expected to be \$200,000 for a one year grant period. It is anticipated that multiple grant proposals will be funded under this announcement ranging from \$25,000 to \$100,000.

Statutory Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1456c. CFDA: 11.473, Coastal Services Center.

Application Deadline: Applicants applying for federal assistance under the IR program, must submit their applications by 5:00 p.m. EDT, October 6, 2003.

Address for submitting Proposals: Coastal Services Center, 2234 South Hobson Avenue, Charleston, South Carolina 29405-2413 to the attention of Anne Ball, room 211.

Information Contact(s): For administrative questions contact Violet Legette, NOAA CSC; 2234 South Hobson Avenue, Room 218; Charleston, South Carolina 29405-2413, or by phone at 843-740-1222, or by fax 843-740-1232, or via internet at Violet.Legette@noaa.gov. For technical questions, contact Hamilton Smillie, NOAA CSC; 2234 South Hobson Avenue, Room 153; Charleston, South Carolina 29405-2413, or by phone at 843-740-1192, or by fax 843-740-1315, or via internet at Hamilton.Smillie@noaa.gov.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are institutions of higher education, hospitals, other non-profits, commercial organizations, foreign governments, organizations under the jurisdiction of foreign governments, international organizations, and state, local and Indian Tribal governments. Federal agencies or institutions are not eligible to receive Federal assistance under this announcement, but may be project partners.

Cost Sharing Requirements: None.

Intergovernmental Review: Applications under this program are subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

8. FY2004 Coastal Services Center Broad Area Announcement

Summary Description: NOS is soliciting projects for the Coastal Services Center (CSC) Landscape Characterization and Restoration (LCR) program, with an anticipated start date of March 1, 2004. Proposals are being requested where the Center will enter into a two year cooperative agreement which the cooperator and the Center will jointly develop an environmental characterization of a coastal estuary, watershed, or special management area

in the Northeastern United States located entirely or in part within Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, or North Carolina.

Funding Availability: Total anticipated funding for a two year project is estimated to be \$300,000 and no more than one award is expected.

Statutory Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1456c and 33 U.S.C. 1442.

CFDA: 11.473, Coastal Services Center.

Application Deadline: Applicants applying for federal assistance under the LCR program, must submit their applications by 5:00 p.m. EDT, October 6, 2003.

Address for submitting Proposals: Coastal Services Center, 2234 South Hobson Avenue, Charleston, South Carolina 29405-2413 to the attention of Linda Rowe, room 236B.

Information Contact(s): For administrative questions, contact Violet Legette, NOAA CSC; 2234 South Hobson Avenue, Room 218; Charleston, South Carolina 29405-2413, or by phone at 843-740-1222, or by fax 843-740-1232, or via internet at Violet.Legette@noaa.gov. For technical questions, contact Linda Rowe, NOAA CSC; 2234 South Hobson Avenue, Room 236B; Charleston, South Carolina 29405-2413, or by phone at 843-740-1283, or by fax 843-740-1315, or via internet at Linda.Rowe@noaa.gov.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are institutions of higher education, hospitals, other non-profits, commercial organizations, foreign governments, organizations under the jurisdiction of foreign governments, international organizations, and state, local and Indian tribal governments. Federal agencies or institutions are not eligible to receive Federal assistance under this announcement, but may be project partners.

Cost Sharing Requirements: None.

Intergovernmental Review: Applications under this program are subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

9. Ecological Forecasting (EcoFore)

Summary Description: The purpose of this document is to advise the public that NCCOS/CSCOR/COP is soliciting proposals for ecological forecasting. It is anticipated that projects funded under this announcement will have a May 1, 2004, start date. NCCOS/CSCOR/COP is soliciting research proposals for projects of 2 to 5 years in duration for the development of ecological forecasting capability and the transition/

operationalism of ecological forecasts. Funding is contingent upon the availability of Fiscal Year 2004 Federal appropriations. It is anticipated that final recommendations for funding under this announcement will be made in early Calendar Year 2004.

Statutory Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1456c. CFDA: 11.478 Center for Sponsored Coastal Ocean Research: Coastal Ocean Program.

Application Deadline: The deadline for receipt of proposals at the COP office is 3:00 p.m., local time, November 4, 2003. (Note that late-arriving applications provided to a delivery service on or before November 4, 2003, with delivery guaranteed before 3:00 p.m., local time on November 4, 2003, will be accepted for review if the applicant can document that the application was provided to the delivery service with delivery to the address listed below guaranteed by the specified closing date and time; and, in any event, the proposals are received in the NCCOS/CSCOR/COP office by 3:00 p.m., local time, no later than 2 business days following the closing date.)

Addresses for submitting Proposals: Attn. EcoFore 04, Center for Sponsored Coastal Ocean Research/Coastal Ocean Program (N/SCI2), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1305 East-West Highway, SSMC4, 8th Floor Station 8243, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Information Contact(s): Technical Information. Beth Turner, ECOFORE 2004 Program Manager, NCCOS/CSCOR/COP, 603-862-4680, Internet: elizabeth.turner@noaa.gov

Business Management Information. Leslie McDonald, NCCOS/CSCOR/COP Grants Administrator, 301-713-3338/ ext 155, Internet: Leslie.McDonald@noaa.gov

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are institutions of higher education, other non-profits, state, local, Indian Tribal Governments, and Federal agencies that possess the statutory authority to receive financial assistance. (a) Researchers must be employees of an eligible institution listed above; and proposals must be submitted through that institution. Non-Federal researchers should comply with their institutional requirements for proposal submission. (b) Non-NOAA Federal applicants will be required to submit certifications or documentation showing that they have specific legal authority to receive funds from the Department of Commerce (DOC) for this research. (c) NCCOS/CSCOR/COP will accept proposals that include foreign researchers as collaborators with a researcher, who has met the above stated eligibility requirements; and who also is an

employee of an eligible institution listed above. (d) Non-Federal researchers affiliated with NOAA-University Joint Institutes should comply with joint institutional requirements; they will be funded through grants either to their institutions or to joint institutes.

Cost Sharing Requirements: None.

Intergovernmental Review:

Applications under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

10. National Estuarine Research

Reserves System FY2004 Land Acquisition and Construction Program

Summary Description: The Estuarine Reserves Division (ERD) of NOAA is soliciting proposals from the National Estuarine Research Reserve System (NERRS) for land acquisition and construction funding. The National Estuarine Research Reserve System consists of estuarine areas of the United States and its territories which are designated and managed for research and educational purposes. Through the funding of designated reserve agencies and universities to undertake land acquisition and construction projects that support the NERRS purpose, NOAA will strengthen protection of key land and water areas and enhance long-term protection of the area for research and education and for facility and exhibit construction. The ERD of NOAA announces the availability of funding for the NERRS land acquisition and/or construction. The ERD anticipates that approximately \$10.0 million, pending availability of funds, will be competitively awarded to qualified National Estuarine Research Reserves that meet the funding priorities and selection criteria.

Funding Availability: Approximately \$10.0 million will be available to designated reserve agencies or universities only through this announcement for fiscal year 2004.

Statutory Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1461 (e)(1)(A)(i), (ii), and (iii).

CFDA: 11.420, Coastal Zone Management Estuarine Research Reserves.

Application Deadline: Proposals must be received by or postmarked by February 13, 2004.

Address for submitting Proposals: NOAA/NOS; 1305 East-West Highway, Room 10509; Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

Information Contact(s): Doris Grimm, NOAA/NOS; 1355 East-West Highway, Room 10509; Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, or by phone at 301-713-3155 ext. 107, or fax to 301-713-4363, internet at doris.grimm@noaa.gov.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are coastal states in which the NERRs are located and are directed to the Reserves' lead state agencies or universities.

Cost Sharing Requirements: Matching requirements include 50 percent match of the total grant project for land acquisition and 30 percent match of the total grant project for construction.

Intergovernmental Review:

Applications under this program are subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

11. FY2004 Coastal Services Center Broad Area Announcement

Summary Description: NOS is soliciting projects for the Coastal Services Center (CSC) Coastal Remote Sensing (CRS) program, with an anticipated start date of April 1, 2004. CRS is seeking proposals on applications of remotely sensed coastal spatial data to support coastal resource management decision-making and to help resolve coastal issues. The Center's goal is to aid coastal resource managers while promoting the use of remote sensing technologies and innovations. The Center seeks proposals for a two year cooperative agreement under which the Center will acquire commercial remote sensing imagery and/or products to the identified issue. The cooperator must show how their management issue will benefit substantially by the inclusion of remotely sensed data.

Funding Availability: Total anticipated funding is \$75,000 over two years. Between one and three awards are anticipated with each award being funded at \$25,000 over a two year period. Statutory Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1456c.

CFDA: 11.473, Coastal Services Center.

Application Deadline: Applicants applying for federal assistance under the CRS program, must submit their applications by 5:00 p.m. EDT, October 6, 2003.

Address for submitting Proposals: Coastal Services Center, 2234 South Hobson Avenue, Charleston, South Carolina 29405-2413 to the attention of Kirk Waters, room 236B.

Information Contact(s): For administrative questions, contact Violet Legette, NOAA CSC; 2234 South Hobson Avenue, Room 218; Charleston, South Carolina 29405-2413, or by phone at 843-740-1222, or by fax 843-740-1232, or via internet at Violet.Legette@noaa.gov. For technical questions, contact Kirk Waters, NOAA CSC; 2234 South Hobson Avenue, Room 103; Charleston, South Carolina 29405-2413, or by phone at 843-740-1227, or

by fax 843-740-1289, or via internet at Kirk.Waters@noaa.gov.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are state, local and Indian tribal governments, institutions of higher education, and other non-profits. Federal agencies or institutions are not eligible to receive Federal assistance under this announcement, but may be project partners.

Cost Sharing Requirements: None.

Intergovernmental Review:

Applications under this program are subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

National Weather Service (NWS)

1. CSTAR 2004 Collaborative Science, Technology, and Applied Research (CSTAR) Program

Summary Description: NWS is soliciting projects to be conducted by university investigators for a 1-year, 2-year, or 3-year period, with an anticipated start date of April 1, 2004. The CSTAR Program represents an NOAA/NWS effort to create a cost-effective transition from basic and applied research to operations and services through collaborative research between operational forecasters and academic institutions which have expertise in the environmental sciences. These activities will engage researchers and students in applied research of interest to the operational meteorological community and will improve the accuracy of forecasts and warnings of environmental hazards by applying scientific knowledge and information to NWS products and services. The NOAA CSTAR Program is a contributing element of the U.S. Weather Research Program. NOAA's program is designed to complement other agency contributions to that national effort.

Funding Availability: Approximately \$500,000 will be available through this announcement for fiscal year 2004. Proposals should be prepared assuming an annual budget of no more than \$125,000. It is expected that approximately four awards will be made, depending on availability of funds.

Statutory Authority: 15 U.S.C. 313; 49 U.S.C. 44720(b); 33 U.S.C. 883d; 15 U.S.C. 2904; 15 U.S.C. 2934.

CFDA: 11.468, Applied Meteorological Research.

Application Deadline: Proposals must be received by the NWS no later than 5:00 p.m., EDT, October 23, 2003.

Address for submitting Proposals: NOAA/NWS; 1325 East-West Highway, Room 15330; Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3283.

Information Contact(s): Sam Contorno, NOAA/NWS; 1325 East-West Highway, Room 15330; Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3283, or by phone at 301-713-3557 ext. 150, or fax to 301-713-1253, or via internet at samuel.contorno@noaa.gov.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are institutions of higher education and federally funded educational institutions such as the Naval Postgraduate School.

Cost Sharing Requirements: None.

Intergovernmental Review: Applications under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

2. Hydrologic Research

Summary Description: This program announcement is for projects to be conducted by research investigators for a 1-year, 2-year, or 3-year period. June 1, 2004, should be used as the proposed start date on proposals. This program represents an NOAA/NWS effort to create a cost-effective continuum of basic and applied research through collaborative research between the Hydrology Laboratory of the NWS Office of Hydrologic Development and academic communities or other private or public agencies which have expertise in the hydrometeorologic, hydrologic, and hydraulic routing sciences. These activities will engage researchers and students in basic and applied research to improve the scientific understanding of river forecasting. Ultimately these efforts will improve the accuracy of forecasts and warnings of rivers and flash floods by applying scientific knowledge and information to NWS research methods and techniques, resulting in a benefit to the public. NOAA's program is designed to complement other agency contributions to that national effort.

Funding Availability: Proposals should be prepared assuming an annual budget of no more than \$125,000. It is expected that approximately four to eight awards will be made, depending on availability of funds.

Statutory Authority: 15 U.S.C. 313.

CFDA: 11.462, Hydrologic Research.

Application Deadline: Proposals are due no later 5 pm, EST, on December 19, 2003.

Address for submitting Proposals: Proposals must be submitted to NOAA/NWS; 1325 East-West Highway, Room 8348; Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3283.

Information Contact(s): Dr. George Smith by phone at 301-713-0640 ext. 117, or fax to 301-713-0963, or via internet at George.Smith@noaa.gov.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are Federal agencies, institutions of higher education, other nonprofits, commercial organizations, foreign governments, organizations under the jurisdiction of foreign governments, and international organizations, state, local and Indian tribal governments.

Cost Sharing Requirements: None.

Intergovernmental Review:

Applications under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

Ocean and Atmospheric Research (OAR)

1. THORPEX: A Global Atmospheric Research Program

Summary Description: The Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), is soliciting preapplications (PA) and full proposals under the United States Weather Research Program (USWRP) for THORPEX: A Global Atmospheric Research Program. THORPEX is a major long-term international program aimed at improving the accuracy and utility of operational global numerical weather predictions (NWP) on time scales out to two weeks through international collaboration between the operational and research communities. Applicants are encouraged to submit preapplications describing the proposed work and its relevance to targeted priority project areas. The purpose of the preapplication process is to provide information to potential applicants on the relevance of their proposed project to THORPEX and the likelihood of it being funded in advance of preparing a full proposal.

Funding Availability: The estimate for total funding that will be available in FY 2004 will not exceed \$1,500,000, but this amount is expected to increase substantially in future years. Funding of any THORPEX proposals is contingent upon availability of these funds. It is anticipated that 10-15 awards will be made. Although there are no restrictions on amount, it is likely the awards will range from \$25,000 to \$200,000.

Statutory Authority: 49 U.S.C. 44720(b), 33 U.S.C. 883d.

CFDA: 11.431, Climate and Atmospheric Research.

Preapplication/Application Deadline: Preapplications must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., EDT, on July 30, 2003. Response letters will be sent from NOAA no later than August 14, 2003. Full proposals must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., EDT, on September 15, 2003.

Addresses for submitting Preapplications and Proposals:

Preapplications and full proposals may be sent as printed hard copy to: John Gaynor, Director, Interagency Program Office of the U.S. Weather Research, Room 11116, SSMC 3, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD, 20910; or they may be submitted electronically by sending in portable document format (PDF) via e-mail to John.Gaynor@noaa.gov with a copy to Zoltan.Toth@noaa.gov.

Information Contact(s): Karen King, DOC/NOAA, Office of Weather & Air Quality Research, Routing Code R/WA, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 11216, Silver Spring, MD 20910, phone (301) 713-0460 ext. 202, email Karen.King@noaa.gov.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are institutions of higher education, other non-profits, commercial organizations, international organizations, state, local and Indian tribal governments, and Federal agencies.

Cost Sharing Requirements: None.

Intergovernmental Review:

Applications under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

Proposal Review and Selection Process for Internships, Fellowships, and Scholarships

Some programs may include a pre-application process which provides an initial review and feedback to the applicants that have responded to a call for "letters of intent" or "pre-proposals"; however not all programs will include such a process. If a pre-application process is used by a program, it shall be described in the Summary Description and the deadline shall be provided in the Application Deadline section. An initial administrative review of applications is conducted to determine compliance with requirements and completeness of applications. A panel review is conducted to individually evaluate, score, and rank applications using the evaluation criteria. A second panel review may be conducted on the applicants that meet the program's threshold (based on scores from the first panel review) to make selections using the selection factors provided below. The Program Officer may conduct a review of the rank order and make recommendations to the Selecting Official based on the panel ratings and the selection factors listed below. The Selecting Official considers panel reviews and recommendations. The Selecting Official will award in rank order unless the proposal is justified to

be selected out of rank order based upon one or more of the selection factors noted below. The Selecting Official makes final recommendations for award to the Grants Officer who is authorized to obligate the funds.

Evaluation Criteria for Fellowship/Scholarships/Internships

1. Academic record and statement of career goals and objectives of student
2. Quality of project and applicability to program priorities.
3. Recommendations and/or endorsements of student
4. Additional relevant experience related to diversity of education; extra-curricular activities; honors and awards; interpersonal, written, and oral communications skills
5. Financial need of student

Selection Factors for Fellowship/Scholarships/Internships

1. Balance/Distribution of funds:
 - a. Across academic disciplines
 - b. By types of institutions
 - c. Geographically
2. Availability of funds
3. Program-specific objectives
4. Degree in scientific area and type of degree sought

NOAA Fellowship/Scholarships/Internships Competitions

This omnibus notice describes funding opportunities for the following NOAA discretionary fellowship, scholarship, internship programs:

National Ocean Service (NOS)

1. National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRF)

Summary Description: The Estuarine Reserves Division of NOAA is soliciting applications for graduate fellowship funding within the National Estuarine Research Reserve System. The Estuarine Reserves Division anticipates that 31 Graduate Research Fellowships will be competitively awarded to qualified graduate students whose research occurs within the boundaries of at least one reserve. The National Estuarine Research Reserve Graduate Research Fellowship program is designed to fund high quality research focused on enhancing coastal zone management while providing students with an opportunity to contribute to the research or monitoring program at a particular reserve site. Students are required to work with the research coordinator or reserve manager to develop a plan to participate in the research or monitoring program for up to 15 hours per week. These management-related research projects will enhance scientific

understanding of the Reserve ecosystem, provide information needed by Reserve management and coastal management decision-makers, and improve public awareness and understanding of estuarine ecosystems and estuarine management issues. Research projects must address one of the following scientific areas of support: non-point source pollution, biodiversity, invasive species, habitat restoration, sustaining resources in estuarine ecosystems, and socioeconomic research applicable to estuarine ecosystem management.

Funding Availability: The amount of the fellowship is anticipated to be \$20,000; at least 30% of total project cost match is required by the applicant (i.e. \$8,572 match for \$20,000 in federal funds for a total project cost of \$28,572). Applicants may apply for one to three years of funding.

Statutory Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1461 (e)(1)(B).

CFDA: 11.420 Coastal Zone Management.

Application Deadline: All applications must be postmarked by November 1, 2003.

Address for submitting Proposals: NOAA's Estuarine Reserves Division; 1305 East-West Highway; SSMC4, Station 10500, N/ORM5; Silver Spring, MD 20912.

Information Contact: Erica Seiden, NOAA's Estuarine Reserves Division; 1305 East-West Highway; SSMC4, Station 10500, N/ORM5; Silver Spring, MD 20912, or by phone at 301-713-3155 extension 172, or fax to 301-713-4363, internet at erica.seiden@noaa.gov or <http://www.ocrm.nos.noaa.gov/grf/welcome.html>.

Eligibility: Institutions eligible to receive awards include institutions of higher education, other non-profits, commercial organizations, international organizations, state, local and Indian tribal governments. Minority students are encouraged to apply to eligible institutions.

Cost Sharing Requirements: Requested federal funds must be matched by at least 30 percent of the TOTAL cost of the project, not a portion of only the federal share, (e.g. \$8,572 match for \$20,000 in federal funds for a total project cost of \$28,572).

Intergovernmental Review: Applications under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

2. Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program; Financial Assistance for Graduate Students

Summary Description: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric

Administration (NOAA) is announcing funding availability for graduate students pursuing masters or doctoral level degrees in oceanography, marine biology, or maritime archaeology through the Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program and is inviting applications for such scholarships. The intent of this program is to recognize outstanding scholarship and encourage independent graduate level research in the above mentioned fields.

Funding Availability: Approximately \$330,000.

Statutory Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1445c-1; National Marine Sanctuaries Preservation Act of 1996, Public Law 104-283; National Marine Sanctuaries Amendments Act of 2000, Public Law 106-513.

CFDA: 11.429 National Marine Sanctuary Program.

Application Deadline: Applications must be received between January 28, 2004 and March 31, 2004 no later than 5:00 p.m., EST.

Address for submitting Proposals: Applications should be sent to the Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program, Attention: Office of the Assistant Administrator, 13th Floor, National Ocean Service, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Information Contact(s): Send your request for information to the Program Manager at the address shown above in "Addresses", by telephone (301) 713-3074, or by internet to <http://fosterscholars.noaa.gov>.

Eligibility: Only United States citizens currently pursuing or accepted to pursue a masters or doctoral level degree in oceanography, marine biology, or maritime archaeology, including the curation, preservation, and display of maritime artifacts, are eligible for an award under this scholarship program.

Cost Sharing Requirements: None.

Intergovernmental Review: Applications under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

Limitation of Liability

Funding for programs listed in this notice is contingent upon the availability of Fiscal Year 2004 appropriations. Applicants are hereby given notice that funds have not yet been appropriated for the programs listed in this notice. In no event will NOAA or the Department of Commerce be responsible for proposal preparation costs if these programs fail to receive funding or are cancelled because of other agency priorities. Publication of this announcement does not oblige

NOAA to award any specific project or to obligate any available funds.

Universal Identifier

Applicants should be aware that, for programs which have deadline dates on or after October 1, 2003, they may be required to provide a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number during the application process. See the October 30, 2002 (67 FR 66177) and April 8, 2003 (68 FR 17090) **Federal Register** notices for additional information. Organizations can receive a DUNS number at no cost by calling the dedicated toll-free DUNS Number request line at 1-866-705-5711 or via the internet (<http://www.dunandbradstreet.com>).

The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements

The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements contained in the **Federal Register** notice of October 1, 2001 (66 FR 49917), as amended by the **Federal Register** notice published on October 30, 2002 (67 FR 66109), are applicable to this solicitation.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This document contains collection-of-information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). The use of Standard Forms 424 and 424A, 424B, SF-LLL, and CD-346 has been approved by OMB under the respective control numbers 0348-0043, 0348-0044, 0348-0040, 0348-0046, and 0605-0001. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the PRA unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Executive Order 12866

This notice has been determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

Executive Order 13132 (Federalism)

It has been determined that this notice does not contain policies with Federalism implications as that term is defined in Executive Order 13132.

Administrative Procedure Act/Regulatory Flexibility Act

Prior notice and an opportunity for public comment are not required by the Administrative Procedure Act or any other law for rules concerning public

property, loans, grants, benefits, and contracts (5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2)). Because notice and opportunity for comment are not required pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553 or any other law, the analytical requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) are inapplicable. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis has not been prepared.

Dated: June 24, 2003.

James R. Walpole,

General Counsel, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 062403A]

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held on July 14-17, 2003.

ADDRESSES: These meetings will be held at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club, 851 Gulf Shore Boulevard, North, Naples, FL; telephone: 239-261-2222.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne E. Swingle, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Council

July 16

1:30 p.m. - Convene.

1:45 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. - Receive a report by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on the dispersal of wastewater from the Piney Point Phosphate Plant.

2:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Receive public testimony on the Reef Fish Amendment 21 and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Generic Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Amendment. Reef Fish Amendment 21 contains a proposal to extend the time period for the

Madison/Swanson and Steamboat Lumps marine reserves beyond their June 16, 2004 expiration date. The Draft EIS for the Generic EFH Amendment contains alternatives for specifying EFH, habitat areas of particular concern (HAPCs), and impacts of fishing on EFH. Final action to approve Reef Fish Amendment 21 and the Draft EIS for the Generic EFH Amendment will be taken at on Thursday during the Council meeting. Persons testifying must register before the start of the testimony period.

4:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. - (Closed Session) Receive the report of the Joint Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Selection/Advisory Panel (AP) Selection Committee.

July 17

8:30 a.m. - 9 a.m. - Receive a presentation by the U.S. Geological Services on the Pulley's Ridge Coral Study.

9 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - Receive a presentation by NMFS on the designation of sawfish as an endangered species.

9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. - Receive a review of the draft EIS for EFH Amendment by MRAG Americas, Inc.

10 a.m. - 12 noon - Review and final approval of the EIS for EFH Amendment.

1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m. - Receive the Reef Fish Management Committee report.

3 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. - Receive the Shrimp Management Committee report.

3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Receive the Mackerel Management Committee report.

3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. - Receive the Migratory Species Committee report.

3:45 p.m. - 4 p.m. - Receive the Joint Reef Fish/Mackerel/Red Drum Management Committee report.

4 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Receive the Joint Personnel/Administrative Policy/Budget Committee Report.

4:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. - Receive a report of the Logo Selection Committee.

4:45 p.m. - 5 p.m. - Receive the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC) Liaison Report.

5 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. - Receive Enforcement Reports.

5:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Receive a report of the Council Chairs Meeting.

5:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. - Receive the NMFS Regional Administrator's Report.

5:45 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. - Receive Director's Reports.

6:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - Other Business.

Committees

July 14

8:30 a.m. - 9 a.m. - (Closed Session) Convene the Joint SSC and AP Selection

APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

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| 1. Self-explanatory. | | 12. List only the largest political entities effected (e.g., State, counties, cities). | |
| 2. Date application submitted to Federal Agency (or state if (applicable) & applicant's control number (if applicable). | | 13. Self-explanatory. | |
| 3. State use only (if applicable). | | 14. List the applicant's Congressional District and any District(s) affected by the program or project. | |
| 4. If this application is to continue or revise an existing award, enter present Federal identifier number. If for a new project, leave blank. | | 15. Amount requested or to be contributed during the first funding/budget period by each contributor. Value of in-kind contributions should be included on appropriate lines as applicable. If the action will result in a dollar change to an existing award, indicate <u>only</u> the amount of the change. for decreases, enclose the amount in parentheses. If both basic and supplemental amounts are included, show breakdown on an attached sheet. For multiple program funding, use totals and show breakdown using same categories as item 15. | |
| 5. Legal name of applicant, name of primary organizational unit which will undertake the assistance activity, complete address of the applicant, and name and telephone number of the person to contact on matters related to this application. | | 16. Applicants should contact the State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for Federal Executive Order 12372 to determine whether the application is subject to the State intergovernmental review process. | |
| 6. Enter Employer Identification Number (EIN) as assigned by the Internal Revenue Service. | | 17. This question applies to the applicant organization, not the person who signs as the authorized representative. Categories of debt include delinquent audit disallowances, loans and taxes. | |
| 7. Enter the appropriate letter in the space provided. | | 18. To be signed by the authorized representative of the applicant. A copy of the governing body's authorization for you to sign this application as official representative must be on file in the applicant's office. (Certain Federal agencies may require that this authorization be submitted as part of the application.) | |
| 8. Check appropriate box and enter appropriate letter(s) in the space(s) provided:

___ "New" means a new assistance award.

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SALTONSTALL-KENNEDY PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Title:

Project Status/Duration:

New _____

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Project Period: _____ Months

Name, Address, and Telephone Number of Applicant:

Principal Investigator(s) and Brief Statement of Qualifications:

Project Objective:

Specific Priority(ies) in Solicitation to Which Project Responds:

Summary of Work: (For continuing projects, include progress to date)

% of Total

PROJECT FUNDING: Federal \$ _____ %

Non-Federal \$ _____ %

Total \$ _____ 100 %

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROJECT BUDGET FORM (NOAA FORM 88-205)

Cost Sharing. For this solicitation, a minimum level of 10 percent cost sharing is required. NOAA must provide at least 50 percent of project costs, as required by statute. The degree to which cost sharing exceeds the 10 percent minimum level (up to the maximum 50 percent allowed) may be taken into account in the final selection of projects to be funded. Applicants whose proposals are selected for funding will be bound by the percentage of cost share reflected in the grant awards.

The non-Federal share may include funds received from private sources or from State or local governments or the value of in-kind contributions. Federal funds may not be used to meet the non-Federal share except as provided by Federal statute. In-kind contributions are non-cash contributions provided by the applicant or non-Federal third parties. In-kind contributions may be in the form of, but are not limited to, personal services rendered in carrying out functions related to the project, and permission to use real or personal property owned by others (for which consideration is not required) in carrying out the project.

The total costs of a project consist of all costs incurred in the performance of project tasks, including the value of in-kind contributions, to accomplish the objectives of the projects during the period the project is conducted. A project begins on the effective date of a grant or cooperative agreement between the applicant and an authorized representative of the U.S. Government and ends on the date specified in the award. Accordingly, the time expended and costs incurred in either the development of a project or the financial assistance application, or in any subsequent discussions or negotiations prior to award, are neither reimbursable nor recognizable as part of the recipient's cost share.

The appropriateness of all cost-sharing proposals, including the valuation of in-kind contributions, will be determined on the basis of guidance provided in OMB Circulars. In general, the value of in-kind services or property used to fulfill the applicant's cost share will be the fair market value of the services or property. Thus, the value is equivalent to the costs of obtaining such services or property if they had not been donated. Appropriate documentation must exist to support in-kind services or property used to fulfill the applicant's cost share.

PROJECT BUDGET FORM. NOAA Form 88-205 must be submitted with each application to support project funding. Cost estimates must be itemized by the Federal share and the non-Federal share. The

non-Federal share may consist of cash and/or in-kind contributions. Direct costs must be itemized in the categories provided. The budget may also include an amount for indirect costs if the applicant has an established indirect cost rate with the Federal Government. Documentation of Federal approval of indirect cost rates must be provided. Estimated indirect cost rates may be included pending approval of a negotiated Federal indirect cost rate. The Grants Officer will assist applicants in obtaining a negotiated Federal indirect cost rate if appropriate.

Budget Period: Enter the number of months the budget covers.

Budget Categories:

1. Personnel: Personnel costs should be itemized by salaries and fringe benefits.
 - (a) Salaries: List salaries by position title, percentage of time to be spent on the project and the cost.
(Example: Lab Technician; annual salary \$30,000; 30 percent of time on the project; cost \$9,000).
 - (b) Fringe Benefits (percentage and amount): This entry should be the proportionate cost of fringe benefits paid for the percentage of time spent on the project.
(Example: If an employee spends 30 percent of his/her time on the project, 30 percent of his/her fringe benefits should be charged to the project.)
2. Consultants: Identify consultants, specific tasks and work to be performed if not included in the proposal, and include budget for associated costs, including travel, per diem, and other related costs.
3. Contracts: Identify all work to be completed by contract and a budget for the estimated cost. If a commitment has been made prior to application for funding to contract with a particular vendor, identify the vendor, explain how the vendor was selected, type of contract, deliverables expected, timeframe, and costs. All contracts must meet the requirements established by OMB Circulars.
4. Travel: Identify the number of trips to be taken, destinations, purpose, and number of people to travel. Itemize the estimated costs to include approximate cost of transportation, per diem, and miscellaneous expenses. Registration fees should be included. All travel should be

in compliance with the applicant's written travel policy.

5. Equipment and Furniture: Identify items of equipment and furniture purchase or rental costs and intended use. Justify purchase vs. rental.
6. Supplies: Identify specific supplies necessary for the accomplishment of the project.
7. Other Costs: Identify all other costs that are applicable to the project, such as office space.
8. Indirect Costs: This entry should be based on the applicant's established indirect cost rate with the Federal Government. Estimates may be included pending approval of a negotiated Federal indirect cost rate. Note: This program limits the indirect cost rate that may be charged to 25 percent of the total direct costs or the applicant's amount above the 25-percent level up to 100 percent as part of the non-Federal share. A copy of the current approved, negotiated Indirect Cost Agreement with the Federal Government must be included.
9. Program Income: Enter the estimated amount of income, if any, expected to be generated from this project. Do not add or subtract this amount from the total project amount. Show under the project narrative description the nature and source of income. The estimated amount of program income may be considered by the Federal grantor agency in determining the total amount of the grant.

PROJECT BUDGET
(See Instructions)

Budget Period: _____ Months

Federal Share

Non-Federal Share

Category		Cash	In-Kind
1) Personnel:			
a. Salaries:			
b. Fringe Benefits:			
2) Consultants:			
3) Contracts:			

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PROJECT BUDGET

(See Instructions)

	Federal Share	Non-Federal Share	
Category		Cash	In-Kind
4) Travel:			
5) Equipment and Furniture:			
6) Supplies:			
7) Other Costs:			
Total Direct Costs:			
8) Indirect Costs:			
Totals:			

Totals: (Federal and Non-Federal): _____

9) Program Income:			
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PROJECT BUDGET
(See Instructions)

Federal Share Non-Federal Share

Category		Cash	In-Kind
4) Travel:			
5) Equipment and Furniture:			
6) Supplies:			
7) Other Costs:			
Total Direct Costs:			
8) Indirect Costs:			
Totals:			

Totals: (Federal and Non-Federal): _____

9) Program Income:			
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NOTICE

Responses to this collection are required in order to obtain a grant under the Saltonstall-Kennedy Program (15 U.S.C. 713c-3(c)). Completion of this form is required in order for the application to be considered in fair and open competition with other applications. The information provided will be used to evaluate the appropriateness of the requested grant amount in terms of the work proposed. Information on this form will be treated as confidential for the purpose of determining the appropriateness of funding requested for a possible grant in accordance with 5 CFR 1320. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average one hour per response including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspects of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, F/SF2, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

NOAA may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

State Single Point of Contact

Designated State Single Points of Contact (SPOC) have been established for certain states under Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs. You must contact the SPOC, if your state has one, to see if applications to the S-K Program are subject to review. If SPOC clearance is required, you are responsible for getting that clearance in time to submit your application to the S-K Program by the deadline.

The current list of SPOCs is available via the S-K Home Page by selecting "Application Package in Adobe Acrobat," and then clicking item #6, "State Single Points of Contact," under "S-K Application Documents." You can also get the list of SPOCs from the "Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance" at www.hhs.gov/progorg/grantsnet/laws-req/spoc399.htm.

ASSURANCES—NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

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PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, SEND IT TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED BY THE SPONSORING AGENCY.

Note: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions please contact the awarding agency. Further, certain Federal awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States, and if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
5. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§ 4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the nineteen statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
6. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; © Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. § 794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§ 523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. 290 dd-3 and 290 ee-3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. § 3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to non-discrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.
7. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
8. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§ 1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

9. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 276a to 276a- 7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. § 276c and 18 U.S.C. §§ 874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 327-33.3), regarding labor standards for federally assisted construction subagreements.
10. Will comply, if applicable, with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
11. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§ 1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clear Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176© of the Clear Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, (P.L. 93-523); and (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, (P.L. 93-205).
12. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§ 1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
13. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. 469a-1 et seq.).
14. Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.
15. Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.
16. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
17. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act of 1984 or OMB Circular No. A-133, Audits of Institutions of Higher Learning and other Non-profit Institutions.
18. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations and policies governing this program.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL		TITLE
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION		DATE SUBMITTED

CERTIFICATIONS REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS; DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS AND LOBBYING

Applicants should refer to the regulations cited below to determine the certification to which they are required to attest. Applicants should also review the instructions for certification included in the regulations before completing this form. Signature on this form provides for compliance with certification requirements under 15 CFR Part 26, "Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)" and "Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace" and 15 CFR Part 28, "New Restrictions on Lobbying." The certifications shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the Department of Commerce determines to award the covered transaction, grant or cooperative agreement.

1. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS

As requested by Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, and implemented at 15 CFR Part 26, for prospective participants in primary covered transactions, as defined at 15 CFR Part 26, Sections 26.105 and 26.110 -

(1) The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:

(a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;

(b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

(c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1) (b) of this certification; and

(d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.

(2) Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

2. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS

Alternate I. Grantees Other Than Individuals

As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, and implemented at 15 CFR Part 26, Subpart F, for grantees, as defined at 15 CFR Part 26, Sections 26.605 and 26.610 -

A. The grantee certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

(a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's

workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;

(b) Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about--

(1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;

(2) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;

(3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and

(4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;

(c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);

(d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will --

(1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and

(2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;

(e) Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to the Director, Office of Federal Assistance, Office of Federal Assistance and Management Support, HCHB Room 6054, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230. Notice shall include the identification numbers(s) of each affected grant;

(f) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph (d) (2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted--

(1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or

(2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

(g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f).

B. The grantee shall insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant:

Place of Performance: (Street address, city, county, state, ZIP code):

Check ☐ if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here.

Alternate I I. Grantees Who Are Individuals

As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, and implemented at 15 CFR 26, Subpart F, for grantees, as defined at 15 CFR Part 26, Sections 26.605 and 26.610 -

(A) The grantee certifies that, as a condition of the grant, he or she will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in conducting any activity within the grant;

(B) If convicted of a criminal drug offense resulting from a violation occurring during the conduct of any grant activity, he or she will report the conviction, in writing, within 10 calendar days of the conviction, to the Director, Office of Federal Assistance, Office of Federal Assistance and Management Support, HCHB Room 6054, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230. When notice is made to such a central point, it shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant.

3. LOBBYING

As required by Section 1352, Title 31 of the U.S. Code, and implemented at 15 CFR Part 28, for persons entering into a grant, cooperative agreement or contract over \$100,000, or loan or loan guarantee over \$150,000, as defined at 15 CFR Part 28, Sections 28.105 and 28.110, the applicant certifies that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or

employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form -LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

Submission of this statement is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify that the applicant will comply with the above applicable certification(s).

NAME OF APPLICANT

AWARD NUMBER AND/OR PROJECT NAME

PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

SIGNATURE

DATE

DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES
Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352
(See reverse for public burden disclosure.)

Approved by OMB
0348-0046

1. Type of Federal Action: <input type="checkbox"/> a. contract <input type="checkbox"/> b. grant <input type="checkbox"/> c. cooperative agreement <input type="checkbox"/> d. loan <input type="checkbox"/> e. loan guarantee <input type="checkbox"/> f. loan insurance	2. Status of Federal Action: <input type="checkbox"/> a. bid/offer/application <input type="checkbox"/> b. initial award <input type="checkbox"/> c. post-award	3. Report Type: <input type="checkbox"/> a. initial filing <input type="checkbox"/> b. material change For Material Change Only: year _____ quarter _____ date of last report _____		
4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity: <input type="checkbox"/> Prime <input type="checkbox"/> Subawardee Tier _____, if known: Congressional District, if known:		5. If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is Subawardee. Enter Name and Address of Prime: Congressional District, if known:		
6. Federal Department/Agency:	7. Federal Program Name/Description: CFDA Number, if applicable: _____			
8. Federal Action Number, if known:	9. Award Amount, if known: \$ _____			
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16. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be reported to the Congress semiannually and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Signature: _____
Print Name: _____
Title: _____
Telephone No.: _____ Date: _____

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF SF-LLL, DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether subawardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Use the SF-LLL-A Continuation Sheet for additional information if the space on the form is inadequate. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.
2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a follow-up report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
4. Enter the full name, address, city, state and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or subaward recipient. Identify the tier of the subawardee, e.g., the first subawardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.
5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks "Subawardee", then enter the full name, address, city, state and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
6. Enter the name of the Federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.
8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number; Invitation for Bid (IFB) number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Include prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001."
9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in item 4 or 5.
10. (a) Enter the full name, address, city, state and zip code of the lobbying entity engaged by the reporting entity identified in item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.
(b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10 (a). Enter Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial (MI).

16. The certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

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CERTIFICATIONS REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION-LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS AND LOBBYING

Applicants should refer to the regulations cited below to determine the certification to which they are required to attest. Applicants should also review the instructions for certification included in the regulations before completing this form. Signature on this form provides for compliance with certification requirements under 15 CFR Part 26, "Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)" and 15 CFR Part 28, "New Restrictions on Lobbying."

1. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION-LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS

As required by Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, and implemented at 15 CFR Part 26, Section 26.510, Participants responsibilities, for prospective participants in lower tier covered transactions (except subcontracts for goods or services under the \$25,000 small purchase threshold unless the subtier recipient will have a critical influence on or substantive control over the award), as defined at 15 CFR Part 26, Sections 26.105 and 26.110 -

(1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.

(2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

2 LOBBYING

As required by Section 1352, Title 31 of the U.S. Code, and implemented at 15 CFR Part 28, for persons entering into a grant, cooperative agreement or contract over \$100,000 or a loan or loan guarantee over \$150,000 as defined at 15 CFR Part 28, Sections 28.105 and 28.110, the applicant certifies that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, 'Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying,' in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Statement for loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, 'Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying,' in accordance with its instructions.

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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify that the applicant will comply with the above applicable certification(s).

NAME OF APPLICANT

AWARD NUMBER AND/OR PROJECT NAME

PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

SIGNATURE

DATE

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

NOAA generally makes financial assistance awards to institutions of higher education, state and local governments, private nonprofit organizations, and commercial organizations.

Eligibility requirements for financial assistance programs are contained in the authorizing legislation and program regulations. Applicants should consult the authorizing legislation, program regulations, and request for applications published in the Federal Register to determine what requirements apply.

Eligible nonprofit organizations which have not previously received NOAA support must submit proof of their status with the application for assistance. Any of the following is acceptable evidence of status:

- * A reference to the applicant organization in the IRS's most recent list of tax exempt organizations under Section 501 (c) of the IRS Code;
- * A copy of a currently valid IRS tax exemption certificate;
- * A statement from a State taxing body or State Attorney General certifying that the applicant organization has nonprofit status and that none of the net earnings accrue to any private shareholders;
- * A certified copy of the organization's certificate of incorporation or similar document that clearly establishes nonprofit status; or,
- * Any of the above proof regarding a parent organization if one exists, and a statement signed by the parent organization that the applicant organization is a local nonprofit affiliate.

S-K PROGRAM APPLICATION RECEIPT ACKNOWLEDGMENT

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

If you wish to receive notice of receipt of this application by the NMFS S-K Program, you **MUST** complete the following information **AND** insert your name and address at the bottom of this page.

1) Legal Applicant Name: _____

Contact Person (i.e., Principal Investigator, Business Office Contact or State Agency Recipient):

2) Identification of Project

(Include Title, Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number and Requested Funding Amount):

3) Application Date: _____

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Application received by:

Date Stamp Here

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Phone:

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NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE, NOAA

S-K PROGRAM

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S-K Grant Application Package - Items Required from Applicant
(An original and nine signed copies of the application package are required.)

1. SF-424, "Application for Federal Assistance."
2. NOAA Form 88-204, "Saltonstall-Kennedy Project Summary."
3. NOAA Form 88-205, "Project Budget." Provide necessary supporting detail (see enclosed guidelines).
4. SF-424B, "Assurances - Non-Construction Programs."
5. Copy of Current Approved Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement. (An indirect cost rate can be charged only if the applicant has an Approved Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement awarded by a Cognizant Agency.)
6. CD-511, "Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements and Lobbying."
7. CD-512, "Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transactions and Lobbying"
(required for subcontractors and retained by Applicant).
8. SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities" (if applicable)
9. Statement of Work (narrative description of proposed activity, objectives, etc.).
10. Milestone Chart (show in increments, i.e. month 1, month 2; not specific dates).
11. Resumes for Principal Investigator(s).
12. If equipment is to be purchased, a purchase vs. lease statement, justifying purchase rather than lease.
13. If there are sole source subcontractors, a sole source justification.
14. Proof of Status for First Time Eligible Non-profit Applicants, if applicable.
15. Acknowledgment form for S-K Program (if receipt desired).
16. Acknowledgment form for Grants Management Division (if receipt desired).